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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 2-9, 11-18, 20-27 and 29 remain pending in the application.

Claim 29 has been allowed.

Claims 7-9, 16-18, and 25-27 have been objected to.

Claims 2-9, 11-18 and 20-27 have been amended. Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

Claims 1, 10, 19 and 28 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicant reserves all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 29 is allowed and that claims 7-9, 16-18, and 25-27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 7-9, 16-18, and 25-27 have been rewritten in independent form including all the elements of the base claim.

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Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant thanks the Examiner for returning initialed the forms submitted with Information Disclosure Statements filed in the present application. It is respectfully pointed out that item E (US Patent No. 6,549,574 to De Bart et al.) listed on a PTO-1449 Form filed in an IDS submitted together with the present application, and considered by the Examiner on January 4, 2008, has not been initialed, whereas items A-D listed on the same form were initialed. Enclosed is a copy of this page. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial item E and return the initialed page with the next office action to ensure that all the cited references will be listed on the patent issuing on the present application.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 6, 10-11, 15, 19, 20, 24 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Alastalo (US 20010047424) in view of Kuchi (US 20020172293) and further in view of Rouquette et al. ("Transmit Diversity Wireless Communication").

Further, the Examiner rejected claims 3, 12, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Alastalo (US 20010047424) in view of Kuchi (US 20020172293) and further in view of Rouquette et al. ("Transmit Diversity Wireless Communication") and Papasakellariou (US 6526090).

Finally, the Examiner rejected claims 4, 5, 13, 14, 22, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Alastalo (US 20010047424) in view of Kuchi (US 20020172293) and further in view of Rouquette et al. ("Transmit Diversity Wireless Communication") and Hudson (US 20030043887).

Applicant respectfully points out that the above rejections are moot insofar as the claims have been cancelled or amended to include patentable subject matter.

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In particular, as indicated by the Examiner, claims 7-9, 16-18, and 25-27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Each of claims 7-9, 16-18, and 25-27 has been amended to be in independent form incorporating its base claim.

Independent claims 1, 10, 19 and 28 have been canceled without prejudice.

In addition, claims 2-6 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 7; claims 11-15 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 16; and claims 20-24 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 19.

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 7-9, 16-18, and 25-27 are allowable. Each of dependent claims 2-6, 11-15 and 20-24 depends directly from independent claims 7, 16, and 25, respectively, and includes the limitations of the claim from which it depends, and is therefore likewise allowable. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-9, 11-18 and 20-27 are patentable, and thus allowable, at least for the reasons set forth above.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 2-6, 11-15 and 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to

be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the

undersigned counsel.

Please charge any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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